

REMARKS

A brief telephonic interview was held on June 2, 2008 with Examiner Eloshway in which the undersigned discussed the language of proposed Claims 22-24, which were submitted for discussion. Applicant and Applicant's attorney would like to take this opportunity to thank Examiner Eloshway for her time as well as courteous attention. Applicant's remarks set forth herein are intended to serve as a written summary of the substance of the interview as required by Manual of Patent Examining Procedure § 713.04.

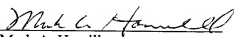
The current status of the pending claims is as follows: Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9, 11-13 and 15 are rejected as being unpatentable for being obvious over Siegel et al. in view of the Beal et al. Dependent claims 3, 10 and 14 stand objected to for being dependent upon rejected base claims, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 3, 10 and 14 have been amended into independent form to include all of the limitations of their base claims and their respective intervening claims. Claims 4-7, 11, and 15 have been amended to refer to newly independent base Claims 3, 10 and 14, respectively. Claims 22-24 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention and to refer to newly independent base Claims 3, 10 and 14, respectively. Further, per applicant's counsel's conversation with Examiner Eloshway, the word "wherein" has been added to Claims 22-24 between the terms "and" and "expansion" in the second clause of the proposed claims that were submitted and discussed on June 2, 2008. That word was added to each of those proposed claims because both applicant's counsel and Examiner Eloshway agreed its addition would improve the grammatical clarity of amended Claims 22-24.

For all the reasons set forth above, it is believed that each of claims submitted herewith are patentably distinguishable over the prior art of record. Since applicant believes the amended claims are now in condition for allowance, applicant respectfully requests timely

issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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